

APPARATUS AND METHOD TO BRIDGE TELEPHONE AND DATA NETWORKS

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Abstract of the Disclosure

In accordance with one embodiment, the disclosure relates to a method for initiating an online meeting over a data network between a host party with a first computer and an attendee party with a second computer. Consider that a
10 phone connection already exists over a telephone network between a first phone of the host party and a second phone of the attendee party. A start meeting message is sent over the data network to a data center. A meeting identification is subsequently received from the data center. The meeting identification is stored in a first device that is coupled to both the first phone and the first computer, and the
15 meeting identification is transmitted from the first device over the telephone network to a second device, where the second device is coupled to both the second phone and the second computer.